

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 15-16 are pending in this application. By the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-11 and 15 are allowed; and claims 12-14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). By this Amendment, claims 12-14 and 16 are canceled.

The Office Action rejects claims 12-14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mani (U.S. Patent No. 6,331,236) and Mani (U.S. Patent No. 6,221,225). Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the rejections, in the interest of advancing prosecution Applicant hereby cancels claims 12-14 and 16.

For at least this reason, the rejections of claims 12-14 and 16 are obviated. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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